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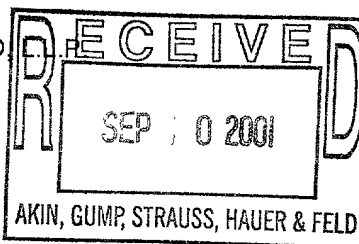
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 260.**
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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Filed: July 26, 2001

For: METHOD FOR INSPECTION OF CIRCUIT : Attorney Docket
BOARDS AND APPARATUS FOR : No. 8861-413US
INSPECTION OF CIRCUIT BOARDS : (P26315-01)

TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
FILING DATE GRANTED

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 6, 2001, we submit herewith the following:

- [X] Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application -- Filing Date Granted, mailed September 6, 2001.
- [] No Notice to File Missing Parts has been received.
- [X] Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- [X] Verified English translation of application as filed (45 pages of text & 3 sheets of drawings)
- [X] Priority document: Certified copy of Japanese patent application No. 2000-227790, filed in Japan on July 27, 2001 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- [X] Formal drawings: 3 sheets
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and cited references.
- [X] Preliminary Amendment.
- [] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
- [] Computer readable copy [] Paper Copy [] Verified Statement
- [] Petition for Extension of Time along with requisite fee.
- [] Request for Refund.
- [] Request for Corrected Filing Receipt. Attached is a marked-up copy of the Filing Receipt showing corrections.
- [] Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as [] an Independent Inventor, or [] a Small Business Concern, or [] a Non-Profit Organization.
- [] Other:

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[X] The following fees noted below are being paid.

[X] Surcharge of **\$130.00** for late filing of filing fee and/or Declaration and Power of Attorney.

[X] Surcharge of **\$130.00** for late filing of English translation.

[] Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$____.00 (Petition for Extension of Time is attached).

[] Filing Fee in the amount of \$____.00 calculated above.

[X] Enclosed is our firm's check in the amount of **\$260.00** for the above fee(s).

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 208861.0413) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

[] The above-calculated fee(s) calculated totaling \$____.00.

[X] Any overpayments or deficiencies in the above-calculated fee(s).

[X] Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17.

[X] In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required during the prosecution of this application, but not submitted, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account noted above.

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